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TAGS: PGOV, KS, US
SUBJECT: KIM DONG-JO

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER AFTERNOON
JULY 18, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE
OF ROK APPEARING TO BE COOPERATIVE IN ITS RELATIONSHIPS
WITH THE U.S. CONGRESS. I POINTED OUT THAT I HAD SEEN AN
ARTICLE CONCERNING SOME NEW INITIATIVES THAT SPEAKER O'NEILL
APPARENTLY HAD IN MIND AND ALTHOUGH I DID NOT KNOW WHAT THESE
INITIATIVES ENTAILED, I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT ROK NOT
APPEAR TO BE CLOSING THE DOORS TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONGRESS.
I EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN DEFINITE
IMPROVEMENTS IN US-ROK RELATIONS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND
THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE FOR BOTH COUNTRIES IF
THIS PROGRESS, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, BECAME UNRAVELLED
THROUGH AMENDMENTS OR ADVERSE VOTES OVER THE NEXT FEW EEEKS.

2. IN RESPONSE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WENT ON AT GREAT
LENGTH ABOUT THE COOPERATION THAT ROKG HAD EXTENDED TO THE
U.S. CONGRESS DESPITE THE PROBLEMS THIS WAS CREATING
DOMESTICALLY. HE POINTED OUT MORE IN SORROW THAN IN
ANGER THAT ALL OF THE ROKG EFFORTS HAD BEEN NEGATED BY
ACTIONS BOTH BY CONGRESS AND BY JAWORSKI. NEVERTHELESS,
HE SAID AMBASSADOR KIM HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE
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THE DEPARTMENT WITH A STATEMENT WHICH WOULD INDICATE
THAT ROK'S POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED AND THAT THE PRE-
VIOUS OFFER MADE FOR KIM DONG-JO'S VERSION WAS STILL
VALID. HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER AMBASSADOR KIM'S STATE-
MENT WAS TO BE ORAL OR IN WRITING.
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